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SUBJECT: REPATRIATION OF NON-BANGALEES

REF: ISLAMABAD 4840

1. OVER LUNCH ON JUNE 3, MFA'S DIRECTOR-GENERAL FOR SUB-CONTINENT, KAISER MURSHED, TOLD EMBOFF THAT BDG IS VERY SUSPICIOUS REGARDING PAKISTAN'S PRESENT INTENTION VIS-A-VIS REPATRIATION OF NON-BANGALEES. BDS WILL WELCOME MOVEMENT OF (A) THOSE NON-BANGALEES ALREADY CLEARED (PARA 2, REFTEL) AND (B) THOSE PREVIOUSLY REJECTED WHO MAY BE CLEARED AS RESULT REVIEW (PARA 3, REFTEL). HOWEVER, MURSHED SEES ANY MOVE TO ACCEPT REPATRIATION OF A FINITE NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL HARDSHIP CASES UNDER ARTICLE 2(V) OF AUGUST 1973 NEW DELHI AGREEMENT AS A "ONCE-FOR-LL" EXERCISE INTENDED TO BRING QUESTION OF REPATRIATION TO AN EARLY END ON TERMS WHICH WILL NOT SERVE BANGLADESH WELL. AS HE PUT IT, "WE CAN AGREE ON SPECIFIC NUMBERS ON ASSETS, SUCH AS PIA PLANES, BUT NOT ON HUMAN BEINGS." AS MURSHED SEES  
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IT, NON-BANGALEES WHO WISH TO GO TO PAKISTAN SHOULD NOT

BE FOREVER DENIED THAT POSSIBILITY BECAUSE OF A BDG-GOP AGREEMENT SETTING RIGID LIMITS ON MOVEMENTS.

2. COMMENT: EMBOSFF MADE NO RPT NO REFERENCE TO EYNARDS'S SUGGESTION, NOR DO WE PRESENTLY THINK SUCH ACTION WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. AS MURSHED'S REMARKS REVEAL, BDG IS SUSPICIOUS THAT PAKISTANIS ARE ENGAGED IN AN EFFORT TO BRING DOWN CURTAIN ON REPATRIATION ISSUE ON CHEAPEST CONCEIVABLE TERMS. ACCORDING TO OUR ESTIMATE, NONE BANGALEES TOTAL APPROXIMATELY 300,00, AND COMBINED EFFECT OF PAKISTANI PROPOSALS CONTAINED PARAS 2, 3, AND 4 OF REFTEL WHICH REDUCE THIS NUMBER TO 275,000. INSOFAR AS BANGALEES ARE CONCERNED, THEY COULD PROBABLY MAKE REASONABLY PERSUASIVE CASE THAT NON-BANGALEES DESCRIBED IN PARAS 2 AND 3 SHOULD TOTAL SOMETHING AROUND 60,000, DEEMED ON "ADDITIONAL HARDSHIP CASE" UNDER ARTICLE 2(V) OF THE 1973 NEW DELHI AGREEMENT. IN THIS SETTING, IT IS OUR VIEW THAT WE SHOULD LEAVE IT TO THE PARTIES TO RESOLVE THEIR DIFFERENCES BILATERALLY.  
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